Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[0036]**, page 12, with the following amended paragraph:

[0036]   Based on the disclosure provided herein, one of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate a number of format conversions that can be performed by abstraction/distinction engine 130. Such format conversions can include compression, decompression, encryption, decryption, conversions between data types, and/or the like. ~~format modification.~~ The following lists just some examples of possible conversions: an MPEG2 to MPEG4 conversion, an MPEG to a proprietary video standard conversion, video resolution adjustments for display on a variety of monitor types, speech to text (*e.g.*, voicemail to email), text to speech (e.g., email to voicemail), text to text (*e.g.*, home caller ID to cell phone caller ID), data to text (*e.g.*, alerts from appliances indicating a change of state such as, for example, a door opening), data to HTML or other computer formats (*e.g.*, requests from a digital recorder to serve a web page), HTML resolution adjustments allowing the HTML to be displayed in a different resolution environment. Again, based on this disclosure, one of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the systems and methods of the present invention can be applied in relation to a number of other conversions.